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**DERRICK ASSEMBLY ACCELERATED;
TRUSTS PLEDGE NEW OBLIGATIONS**

NEW METHOD FOR ERECTING OIL DERRICKS -- Izvestiya, No 145, 22 Jun 49

A new method of erecting oil well derricks is being used in the fields of the "Taymazanert" Trust. Using a special hoist, the riggers assemble the top section of the derrick on the ground, raise it with the hoist, add the next lower section and repeat the operation until the 40-meter derrick is complete. Using this method, a derrick can be assembled in 40 hours, one third of the time required for the old crane method.

PETROLEUM TRUSTS MAKE PLEDGES -- Zakimskiy Rabochiy, No 120, 21 Jun 49

Entering into competition with the kolhoz cotton growers of Kazakhskiy Rayon, workers of the "Leninets" Petrolum Trust (head, V. Bodayshkin) have taken upon themselves the following obligations:

Fulfill the year plan for production of petroleum ahead of schedule, and carry out the pledges made to the State.

Raise the number of active oil wells by 250 units.

Drill 2,000 meters of shaft above the plan.

Accelerate the introduction of secondary methods of exploitation and switch 45 wells to forced extraction of petroleum.

Switch 10 wells from compressed-air operation to deep-pump operation, and release 110,000 cubic meters of compressed air and 2.5 million kilowatt-hours of electric power.

Raise labor productivity 2 percent against the plan, and lower the cost of production of petroleum one percent.

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Mobilize internal resources to the amount of 1.5 million rubles.

Complete capital repair on 30,000 square meters of living space.

Prepare and improve the qualifications of 850 persons.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 121, 22 Jun 49

Entering into a competition with the kolkhoz cotton growers of Pushkinskiy Rayon, the "Arisneft" Trust (head, V. Nogayev) has made the following pledges:

Fulfill the year plan for production of petroleum.

Drill 700 meters of oil wells above the plan.

Raise the number of active oil wells in the fields by 105.

Switch 25 oil wells from compressed-air operation to deep-pump operation, and thus release 120,000 cubic meters of compressed air.

Save 400,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power.

Reduce the cost of producing one ton of gas or petroleum and drilling one meter of shaft by 1.5 percent.

Raise labor productivity by 1.2 percent.

The "Azisbekovneft" Trust (head, Ye. Mazanov) has made the following pledges in connection with entering into a competition with kolkhoz cotton workers of Masumismaylovskiy Rayon:

Fulfill the year plan for production of petroleum and complete the obligations assumed in a letter to Stalin.

Increase the number of active oil wells by 115.

Transfer 120 oil wells from compressed-air operation to deep-pump operation.

Raise labor productivity 9 percent in connection with the production of petroleum, and 8 percent in connection with drilling, while lowering the cost of producing one ton of petroleum or gas one percent, and of drilling one meter of shaft 2 percent.

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